



"LO A  
VOICE FROM  
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19

# The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

## A BOY IN SERVICE

By Miss Christine Fuller

He left today without a plea,  
He left to fight for you and me,  
He left to keep us Americans true;  
And for our own red, white and blue.

He's gone to fight for the U. S. A.,  
He's gone to work and not to play;  
He left us with a willing heart,  
As if to say, "I'll do my part."

When war is over and victory's won,  
And his work then is finished and done,  
We will then salute him by saying,  
"You've helped to keep Old Glory waving."

And then we'll thank the One above,  
Who looked down upon us with a heart of love,  
And say to Him, "It's all through your name,  
That we have saved our honor and fame."

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

March 27, 1943

"Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts."

Psalms 119:134.

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# Notes From My Letters

By J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

**TELEGRAM:** Dear Brother Walker: We have just closed one of the greatest revivals ever held in Tampa. Seventy definite experiences. The house would not take care of the crowds. We also have a daily broadcast, also a Sunday night broadcast direct from the church. Evangelist Florence Kinsley did the preaching. She is God-sent, and will be a blessing to any church. The church here has increased in every department.—G. W. Hodges, Tampa, Fla.

**FROM BROTHER WADE H. HORTON,** Washington, D. C.: We surely had a great meeting Sunday night past. The glory of the Lord filled the church. People shouted all over the place for nearly an hour. But the best of all—fourteen came for prayer without any singing. Two were saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the precious name of Jesus.

**BROTHER W. E. JOHNSON,** overseer of Virginia, writes: "I rejoice to write you this letter. We had our first convention beginning Saturday night in Richmond, and as you know this is what we call our mission district. Three years ago we had only three churches (only one church building) on the district. Today we have seven. We thought we had a splendid mission offering last year when they gave us \$100; but to our great surprise, we received \$342 this year—Brother A. W. Brummett, district overseer there, is certainly on the job."

## Thank God for Victory

**LAUREL HILL, N. C.**—I thank God this morning for salvation and everything that He is to me. Jesus means more to me than all this old sinful world could mean. I thank the Lord because I'm saved from a life of sin, sanctified through the blood of Jesus, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. I thank the Lord for divine healing. The Lord saved me August 31, 1932, and I started trusting Him for both soul and body. I have found in Jesus all I need. Thank God for victory in Jesus.

I also thank the Lord for the Church of God here at Springfield and for our good pastor, Brother Combs. He preaches the Word of God and feeds our souls. When you pray remember us here, also pray for my husband to be saved and pray for my children.—Mrs. Elsie M. Williams, Rt. 1.

## DEATHS

### BLANTON

Sister Mary Bell Blanton, forty-two years old, passed away March 2. She was a faithful member of the Church of God for twenty-one years. Her husband, S. R. Blanton, is clerk and deacon of the church at Blanton's Grove.—Rev. A. J. Duncan, pastor, R.F.D. 2, Jesup, Ga.

### PEAK

Our dearly beloved Brother Kreg Peak died Feb. 16, 1943, at the age of seventy years. He was preceded by his wife, Mrs. Lou Tishey Peak, two years ago January 17. They united with the Church of God about five years ago.—Myrtle Viars, Barren Springs, Va.

### HACKENBERGER

Mrs. Ida D. Hackenberger departed this life January 18, 1943. She was a charter member of the Church of God at Findlay, Ohio.—D. G. Phillips, pastor.

### SIMS

Brother Walter Sims, a member of the Dunlap, Tenn., Church of God, departed this life to be with Jesus December 30, 1942; age thirty-two years.—Glenn R. Kerley, clerk.

### FAIRLEY

Sister Mary Byantha Fairley, wife of Brother Ernest Fairley, and a faithful member of the Church of God, went home to be with Jesus February 13, 1943; age fifty-seven years, eleven months and twenty-five days. She served as clerk of the church for many years.—Bessie E. Scrubbs, Liberty, Miss.

### FAIRLEY

On Feb. 15, 1943, little Winton Fairley, son of Brother Gither Fairley, was called home to be with Jesus; age eight years. He liked to go to church and Sunday School. He has gone to be with his Grandmother Fairley who was buried the day before he got killed.—Pastor, W. J. Scrubbs, Liberty, Miss.

### DOUGLAS

Charles, darling little son of Brother and Sister Lonnie Douglas, went to be with Jesus January 23, 1943.—Mrs. E. V. McLendon, Thomaston, Ga.

### COATS

Sister Susie Coats, a devoted and loyal member of the Assemblies of God church at Earl, Ark., departed this life January 27, 1943; age sixty-six years.—W. E. Wright.

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## Notices

Anyone who has friends and relatives working on defense jobs at Bauxite, send name and address to pastor, D. L. Barrett, Rt. 1, Bauxite, or to me. Please pray for the progress at New Summit church, Rt. 1, Bauxite Ark.—Willard W. Gentry, 132 2nd St., Benton, Ark.

To those who have come to Fort Wayne to work in the defense plants or intend to come, we extend a hearty invitation to our church, which is located at 1730 Lafayette Street. We also invite the boys who are in the near-by camps.

If any of the Church of God members or anyone else have loved ones in the camps here and would let us know, we would be glad to contact them.—C. E. Swenson, pastor, 518 E. Berry, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

We would like to have the Church of God members and friends in and near Tacoma, Wash., and the service men stationed at Fort Lewis, McChord Field and near-by Naval Stations, to call on us at 5648 S. Birmingham, Tacoma, Washington.—Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Sittner.

I have a son in Camp Lee, Va., and if there is a Church of God near by I would appreciate if someone would inquire for him and get him to attend church. He was reared by Church of God parents. His address is Pvt. James C. Mosley, Co. F., 8th Reg. 4th Platoon, Q.M.R.T.C., Camp Lee, Va.—J. E. Mosley, Bruce, Miss.

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# National Call to Our Young People for a Week of Prayer

REV. EARL P. PAULK, Y. P. E. and Sunday School National Supervisor

Text, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." St. John 14:14.

**A**S national leader of our young people, I especially feel an overwhelming urge to call on our youth for a special week of prayer beginning Easter Sunday. Easter represents to us the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and at this time we are prone to think of *new life, new energy, new victories*. At this extremely crucial time in which we are now living, I am of the profound conviction that if we are to have the *victory* that we look for and that we long for, *nationally, politically, economically, and spiritually*, we must pray and look to God. There is no greater group of people to call upon than our young people, who know how to pray and the value of prayer, and surely it will take prayer to bring about such victories.

There are two things especially that we need to pray for: First, and above all, is a *spiritual awakening*, a *Pentecostal revival* in every Church of God, every community, every state, and every nation of the world. Then we especially need to pray for our comrades who are in the armed forces, who are falling every hour on the battlefield, wounded to die—many of them—there on a *lonely field*.

## Lest We Faint

Luke 18:1

The sad conditions that prevail throughout the world and the longed-for peace and victory that we keenly anticipate should drive us to our knees, where in sackcloth and ashes we should wait upon our great God, who holds the reins of the universe within His hands, until victory comes. Abraham Lincoln said once, "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me seemingly is insufficient for that day." These words of Abraham Lincoln, the greatest man of his day, should be a lesson to us today. He felt the necessity of going to his knees in prayer because of his insufficiency. How much more should we feel the need of going on our knees and calling upon the great God who gave victory to Abraham Lincoln! The same God can give us victory today and send us an old-time revival that will bring an overwhelming victory to our souls—to our boys, to our girls, and to our churches—that will bring



victory to our armed forces and that will cause this onslaught to cease so that our boys can return home. Just the thoughts of peace and the victory that God can give should make us happy.

## The Result of Prayer

I feel that if we are to have those things, we must call upon God in prayer. It is only our prayer that can and will approach the throne of God through Jesus Christ. It was once said by Thomas Guthrie, "Prayer flies where the eagles never flew." The testimonies of Mr. Rickenbacker and his men are still echoing around the world, of how when they had been on the ocean for three weeks or better and there was no hope in sight, they read the Bible and prayed, and God sent a sea gull to light on Mr. Rickenbacker's head for food. This was, indeed, nothing short of a miracle.

You remember that once it was said by Queen Elizabeth that she feared the prayers of John Knox more than the mighty armies. Yea, *God has proved Himself down through the ages to be a prayer-answering Almighty*, changing the minds of great men, altering laws, delivering through prayer His people from the lions' den and the fiery furnace. It was once said by J. A. Wallace, "Prayer moves the hand which moves the world." It is only prayer that can move this mighty hand, but our blessed Lord said, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

Think about the scope of this prayer! The persons addressed are *ye*, or Christ's followers. The scope of the promise—*ask anything*. The condition—*in my name*. The pledge—*I will do it*. Even the thought of prayer should make us happy and rejoice to know that our Lord has promised to help us in time of need and that He would never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). If at any time we have ever *needed His help*, we need it today.

I remember once when the armies of the living God had been defied by the enemy, the armies of the enemy were encamped near by and had challenged the army of the living God by an uncircumcised Philistine. But suddenly where did the victory come from! It came through a youth! There was a youth that had accepted the challenge and went out to meet the champion. *In the name of the Lord he went* with his faith in that hand that was sufficient and well able to guide his weak but trembling hand. God gave the victory through this youth, and God today can give the victory through our young people.

## The Scope

Therefore, we are calling on you in your churches and in your homes to make every night and every day possible a day of prayer. Let it be on our hearts throughout this week: "Oh, Lord, send us an old-time revival. Lord, bring us peace so that the lights can come on all over the world again and bloodshed will cease and mothers' boys can return home, and the name of our Lord can be proclaimed throughout the world."

## Not Fine Words

Remember it is not the fine words that touch the heart of God but it is the prayer that is prayed from the depths of the soul in sincerity. God knows and understands, and He knows how to put our words together. He knows our need before we go to Him, but it is His delight for us to humble ourselves and call upon Him, and He will hear and answer from heaven.

Prayer is the wish of the heart. I read of the story that is told of a little shepherd boy who was obligated to keep watch over the sheep and so could not go to church, but in his heart there grew a longing to pray to God, as the people were doing in church. He had, however, never been

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# Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

## Rationing God

The omnipotency of God does not permit that He be "rationed" in His administration or means of supply. However, because of a refusal on the part of mankind, God is rationed. For example, "he could there do no mighty work . . . because of their unbelief," Mark 6:5, 6. On the other hand, to those who believe He opens wide His hand and "all things are possible to him that believeth," Mark 9:23. Ultimately, God will invoke His own will regardless of man's rejection of His power and purpose, and set up His glorious kingdom. Therefore, "have faith in God," Mark 11:22.

## Church Opportunity

During these days of distress because of war, and a reshuffling of homes and individuals, the Church has a great opportunity, indeed, to show forth compassion and to render service to those in distress and in need. The Church could, in each community, provide a nursing shelter, either in or out of a church edifice, where children whose mothers have to work because of the war effort, and who are forced to be neglected on this account, could be nursed and cared for. This would provide care and training for the children; it would minister service to those who need compassion and help. Many such people could be won and held for the Church after they had been convinced of the reality of religion. Many children are shut up all day, some tied to the furniture to pass the day while mother works. Do you really know and care what is going on in your community? Remember this, religion will be either thought more or less of after the war. We cannot sit idly by and expect to have a great influence after the war. We must prove our worth as an institution of charity and grace.

## Huge Statue of Christ

The Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, has decided to undertake the erection of a huge monument to Christ. The purpose is to show the piety of the Honduran people. "A truncated pyramid, six meters in height, will form the pedestal for the monument, and a chapel will be erected inside the base." On the frontal faces will appear the following texts: On the north, the Credo; south, the Paster Noster; east, the Ten Commandments; and west, the Beatitudes. "Seventeen columns, ten meters in height, will rise from the pyra-

mid, representing the seventeen departments of Honduras. A twenty-meter image of Christ, with right hand extended toward the City, signifying a benediction, will also be placed on the pedestal.

## Governor Stassen Said

"Make religion more vital." Yes, these are the words of the youthful governor of Minnesota, uttered before the 475 representatives of the forty-two denominations of the International Council of Religious Education assembled at Chicago. Indeed if religion is not made "vital" it cannot become the active, transforming force that God intended and that a nation steeped in divers sins needs today. Governor Stassen said education must make "religion vital to all" by "actively interpreting the basic concepts of our religion into the social, economic, political and international problems of our times, on personal, community, national and world-wide levels."

## A Vital Question

Dr. Timothy Lew, professor of psychology and religious education in Yenching University, Peiping, China, in pleading for America to give China 10% of lend-lease materials to prevent the collapse of China, said, "An army of 10,000,000 Chinese will be forced to fight against the United Nations unless this aid is given." China has many religious leaders today, and a mere 2,500,000 Christians. However, with Christian leaders such as Chiang-Kai-Shek and his noted American-educated wife, who are deeply spiritual, China has the greatest opportunity for religious advancement and mission work in many decades, if it has ever had greater. If, on the other hand, China is finally subdued by Japan, this golden opportunity may be lost forever. Bondage by the Japanese and loss of faith in American Christian institutions would indeed be a calamity of the first magnitude.

## Washington's Prayer

After his first inauguration as President, George Washington attended St. Paul's Chapel, New York, where he made this prayer:

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly af-

fection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

"And finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

"Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

## Grass-Eating Experiment

MAGNOLIA, Ark. (RNS) — Fifty conscientious objectors at Civilian Public Service Camp No. 7 here will eat grass for the next six months in a series of tests to determine the food value and health properties of the humble herb.

According to Dr. Charles F. Schnabel of Kansas City, who is sponsoring the experiment, grass tips have "every known vitamin and mineral in probably the most concentrated and best balanced combination of any food in the world."

The C. O.'s have been divided into three groups for the experiment. One group will eat no grass tips, the second will get a compromise diet, and the third will substitute grass for fruits and vegetables. Medical tests will be made of each man before and after the six-month period.

## Juvenile Delinquency

One point of emphasis in the crime report . . . is that crimes among children are on the increase. Recently in Chicago an official of the Chicago Recreation Commission called attention to a recently completed survey of 23,000 boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 17, and noted the fact that juvenile delinquency in the Chicago area had increased 9% since Pearl Harbor.

At a recent meeting in Ogden, Utah, a Regional Director of the Girl Scouts stated that that community was "greatly in need of adult leaders to guide and train youth to curb the rising percentage of delinquency."

Neither of the above leaders recognized in any way the effect of the liquor traffic on juvenile delinquency, an effect which has been noted and emphasized annually by Chicago's Juvenile Protective Association which, in its last report, said: "Cases of juvenile delinquency and of minors engaged in crime in connection with the sale and use of liquor were more numerous during the past year (1941) than in any previous year."—*National Prohibition.*

When we give our all to Christ it is very small.

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# Current Events in the Light of Prophecy

By PAUL H. WALKER

IN OUR last article we dealt with the destruction of Jerusalem and its restoration and with Hosea's prophecy. It is our purpose to show, in this article, where we are located in the light of the Scriptures, so let us turn to St. Matthew, chapter twenty-four.



Matt. 24:3, "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, (note three questions) (1) Tell us, when shall these things

be? (2) and what shall be the sign of thy coming, (3) and of the end of the world?"

We wish to study these three questions briefly. The first, "When shall these things be?" This question was asked relative to the destruction of their city, Jerusalem, because Jesus said, "There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." This was fulfilled in the days of Titus when he besieged Jerusalem, and it was demolished. Second, "What shall be the sign of thy coming?" There are those who place this entire twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew in the tribulation period. I do not wish to take issue with them, but the present world condition and events surely are pictured in this chapter and if it is to be fulfilled in the tribulation, then we are nearer than ever to the soon coming of our blessed Lord. Suppose we bear this in mind, that this is to take place, in its entirety, in the tribulation, and be ready, for the "COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH!" Current events in the light of prophecy show this.

"What shall be the sign of thy coming?" "Take heed that no man deceive you." Verse 5, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Chresh-ne-merti of India was sent to London A. D. 1911, to be educated as the Christ. He is the head of the "Star of the East, the Theosophy Church." This word "theosophy" means "direct knowledge of God." This man had twelve apostles, some of which were fallen bishops, put out because of low and lewd sins. One of his apostles is a woman, Mrs. Anna Beason. This Chresh-ne-merti came to California in 1917 and on a platform dimly lighted, he appeared before thirty-five thousand people as the Messiah. Of recent years a man of the David Tabernacle in Denver

claimed to be the Messiah. Recently a man in Palestine claimed to be the Christ and demanded the worship of the entire country. On July 15, 1926, the French Mosque was dedicated in Paris. In the presence of the president of France, the British ambassador and the sultan of Morocco, a man by the name of Mirza Eaulam claimed to be the promised Messiah whose advent had been told in the Bible and certain Islamic books. The so-called "Father Divine," it is said, has a following of over three million, who believe he is not only Christ but God. He has four hundred "heavens" in the United States and many in foreign countries. While I was in Barbados I went to one of his "heavens," read his literature, talked with his angels. A few days later I returned and his "heaven" had caught afire and burned down. I never found out if his angels had their wings singed or not. The heaven of our Christ is different. Amen. Goebbels and Von Ribbentrop of Germany said, according to magazine "Look," that "Hitler was the Jesus Christ of Germany, and even more, He is the Holy Ghost." Surely this ought to be enough to convince any one that this is being fulfilled and more so every day.

Let us look at this verse from another angle. "Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ." Look at the many false religions in the world that say Jesus is the Christ, and thereby deceive many, because their teachings and doctrines are unscriptural, and because they have let the world in the church until its spiritual power is paralyzed, yet they say, "He is the Christ." They never have a convert. (How long has it been since your church had a convert?) No one ever prays through and the social life has taken full place of the spiritual life. Billy Sunday said, "The sooner the Lord kills such a church and sends it to hell, the better off the community will be." At least people will not hide under the guise of a fake religion. The fraternal order that requires one to place his hand on the Holy Bible and swear to keep the oaths of the order, and that in secret, confess that Jesus is the Christ, yet in them you'll find the card game, gambling, and tobacco smoke so thick it can nearly be cut with a knife. Still they say, "Here is

Christ."

Jesus said, "And shall deceive many." My God, have mercy on this deceived world, a world that does not know a real Christ, dying without Him. Brother Minister, do we have the birth pangs surging our lives to see men and women born of God? What does our ministry consist of? Is it just for a job, a living, the tithes we can get? or do we have a real soul burden? Our work determines our accomplishment. Often we take the position that, tomorrow we'll do better. Remember the adage, "When one boasts of what he shall do tomorrow, ask him what he did yesterday."

Verse 6, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things MUST come to PASS, but the END is not yet." World War No. 1 involved twenty-eight of the greatest nations on earth, marshalled the forces of forty million men, and for four long years they were grappling at each other's throat with hot lead, shrapnel and deadly gases. The results of this struggle were: 10,000,000 men died on the fields of Flanders, 10,000,000 died from gases and wounds, and 12,000,000 died of the influenza, 32,000,000 in all. This is, or will be, small as compared to the present conflict. Can we understand this? Surely the Lord is coming and the pendulum of the clock of prophecy is fast bringing us to the midnight hour. Today peace is gone and war is everywhere. See 1 Thess. 5:1-5, "But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you." In other words, "I do not have to write this to you." "For yourselves know PERFECTLY that the day of the LORD so cometh as a thief in the night." Jesus will come as a thief to steal from this world His saints. Glory! Glory! The thief comes to steal the jewels. Malachi said, "These shall be mine in the day that I make up my jewels." The thief comes to get the pearls precious. We, His saints, are the "pearl of great price." Jesus bought the field with the pearl in it. The field, the world, and the pearl, the Church. We, the Church, did not buy Him; He bought us with His blood. See Acts 20:28. So Jesus will come for His blood-bought saints. He'll come in the night, as a thief, and get His pearl. We are the light of the world and Jesus will take the light out and then the awful darkness of the tribulation will set in. We are the salt of the earth and He'll get the salt and then this world will have no preservation but will become rotten as never before. ALAS, OLD WORLD, WHEN THE LIGHT IS GONE, HOW DARK YOU WILL BE!

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IN the previous article we began the argument that God has from all eternity foreknown and foreseen all things. We tried to show that in order for God to have predestinated some things He would have had to foreknow all things. Were such not the case there would be nothing certain about predeterminism, thus predestination would no longer be predestination.

That which has been predetermined is certainly not for the sake of itself. It is for the interest and in behalf of the "indetermined" or that which God has left to the operation of free will. Yet, God had to foreknow the action of the free will or He could not have predetermined that certain consequences would follow which the Bible declares are sure to be. Otherwise, the fulfillment of God's predictions are dependent upon either the "law of chance" or the "compulsion of free will." The former would make it possible for God to lie, while the latter would teach that God forces the free will of man. Both are contrary to the Word of God (Heb. 6:18; 2 Pet. 3:9).

### THE SCRIPTURES

There is no possible opportunity for dispute over the fact that God has foreknowledge (Acts 2:23; Gal. 3:8). You may be wondering, however, why I am spending a great deal of time on the foreknowledge of God when I am supposed to be writing about predestination. Well, I shall repeat what I have been suggesting in my previous articles: There is a very distinctive difference between foreknowledge and predestination; yet God's plan of predestination is based upon God's foreknowledge of all things without such foreknowledge, itself, being the act of predestinating. If you can separate the ideas of foreknowledge, predestination, and free will, it should require but little effort to understand their relationship.

Let's refer one more time to Rom. 8:29 for the purpose of stressing it in a little different manner. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son." This verse infers that some people are going to be conformed to the image of God's Son. How do we know this? Simply because the above verse states that God has *predestinated* it. It is no wonder that John wrote, "When he *shall* appear we *shall* be like him for we *shall* see him as he is," 1 John 3:2. So it is evident that nothing is going to stop the coming of Christ, and the conformation of saints to His likeness.

But we must admit that we believe in the acceptance of personal salvation by the personal will, free and separate of any force or compulsion from God. Now you can't afford to say that God would have *forced* some to accept the plan of salvation in order to bring about the "conforma-

tion" in case it should have happened that no one would have desired salvation. But now I hear you saying, "God knew there would be some to accept salvation." Exactly, brother, that's just the thing I have been wanting to hear you say. If God knew there would be some to accept salvation, then is not that *foreknowledge* within itself?

The question that must be answered at this point has to do with the part that foreknowledge plays in predestination. We find that answer in the same verse, Rom. 8:29, "For whom he did FOREKNOW, he also did *predestinate* to be conformed to the image of his Son." All right, whom did He predestinate but those whom He foreknew? Had God not foreknown those who would obtain salvation, He would never have predestinated them to be conformed to the likeness of His Son. Do you not see that the foreknowledge of God is the basis on which He has predestinated the fact of a resurrection? Yet it is also clear that foreknowledge is distinctly different from predestination because of the word "also," as well as for other reasons. "For whom he did foreknow, he **ALSO** did predestinate." The word "also" means "in addition to." Therefore, we must agree that "foreknowledge" and "predestination" are two different things.

Thus we understand that the things predestinated are so done on the basis of God's foreknowledge, with neither one of the two exerting an influence over free will. Consequently we conclude that each of the three is separate and distinct from the others, with some things predestinated, others left to free will, but *all* things foreknown.

### DEDUCTION

We began by showing that God does for a fact have foreknowledge. Now we have shown that God not only has foreknowledge but that by this attribute He foreknows all persons who shall be conformed to the image of His Son. To prove this one must only resort to deduction from known facts.

Is not each child of God to be conformed to the image of the Son *individually*? All right, if the "conformation" is to take place *individually*, then the "predestination" thereof is also determined *individually*. Since the "predestination" is based upon God's "foreknowledge" we must conclude that God foreknows them *individually*. In view of what seems to be consistent reasoning, I must believe that God foreknows who His children will be.

By this process of reasoning we may extend our deductions still

farther. If God foreknows all who are going to be saved, then I see no reason why He should not also foreknow all who are going to be lost. The lost would simply comprise that group which is not saved.

Yes, I know what you are wanting to say so I will say it for you. You are anxious to explain to me that my above argument will not hold true unless God foreknows the total of both the saved and lost together. Well, what's to keep Him from knowing the total? Did the Lord not say, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **MANY** there be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **FEW** there be that find it"? The words "many" and "few" can be used only in terms of the whole. How can you figure a majority without some idea of the total number?

Since it is quite evident that God foreknows so many things, it leads me to believe more strongly than ever that He foreknows all things. Definite proof of this fact is furnished us from the fields of theology and philosophy from which the rest of this article will be drawn.

### UNITY

The Christian religion is rooted and grounded in a monotheistic God. The true God is *one* God. There can be but one self-existent Being. If there be more than one God there is no God at all. The Bible says there is only *one* God (1 Tim. 2:5). Even the devil knows there is one God (James 2:19).

Not only is there one God but the Bible says that God is **ONE**. (I still believe in the Trinity, so don't any of you be wondering if I have backslid.) The Scriptures emphatically declare that God is **ONE** (Gal. 3:20; 1 John 5:7). If you don't believe this, I might be wondering if you are the one who has backslid.

The word "one" means "unit, unity, undivided." When the Bible says that God is *one* it simply means that He is **UNITY**. God is unlimited; He is absolute in all that He is. That is, God is **ABSOLUTE UNITY**, thus He denies the idea of divisibility. If God were divided in any sense He could not be God.

In spite of God's attribute of *unity* some people insist on dividing Him. They admit that God has foreknowledge and at the same time they argue that His foreknowledge is *exclusive* of some things. Well, isn't it strange **WHEN THE SALT IS GONE, HOW**



## By D. C. Barnes

(Mal. 3:6; Heb. 6:17), He cannot be progressive; therefore, God does not acquire knowledge but He knows *now* all He is to know. God is absolute immutability.

### ETERNITY

Now we shall say a few words about God in respect to His *existence*. Christians do not argue this point, however, and I am not mentioning it for that reason. It is this particular fact that lends itself to the support of what I do want to say.

God is admitted to be *absolute* in His existence. He is absolutely eternal and such an attribute must be true to His entire Being. God in all that He is must be eternal. If God is love He is eternal love; likewise, if God has foreknowledge He has eternal foreknowledge. What God is He always *has been* and He always *will be*. The substantiation of this fact allows me to believe that *God has from all eternity foreknown and foreseen all things*.

### GENESIS 6:6

The argument of those who do not believe in the absolute foreknowledge of God gives much stress on Genesis 6:6. For this reason I must donate some space to its significance. "And it *repented* the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." From the "idea" that God "repented" they conclude that He did not foreknow the sinfulness of man.

All right, the first thing I shall do is force my opponent to modify the word "repented." To do this I quote 1 Sam. 15:29, "And also the strength of Israel (God) will not lie nor repent: *for he is not a man that he should repent*." That some explanation is needed is too apparent for argument. But the beautiful part of the matter is that when you offer an explanation it proves the absolute foreknowledge of God. Let's see.

In 1 Sam. 15:29 the *mistakes* of man are in question. Man repents on account of his errors, his sins, his mistakes, but God does not. Man makes blunders and is therefore required of God to repent. But here's the question: Why does man make blunders and mistakes? Because he does not have foreknowledge. If man had foreknowledge he could avoid those things which bring about remorse of conscience. But why is God free from repentance? Because He has *absolute foreknowledge*, of course. God's foreknowledge enables Him to escape the commitment of blunders and He therefore does not have occasion to repent as man does.

Since God cannot make mistakes we must understand that the word "repented" in Gen. 6:6 bears a different usage. The pretext describes

the *sinfulness* of man, and then begins the sixth verse: And *IT* repented the Lord . . ." The subject of the verb "repented" is the word "it." The word "it" refers to the pretext, "man's sinfulness." The word "Lord" is the object of the verb "repented," therefore the Lord is only the *object* of that repentance. In other words, this "repentance" was simply an *effect* which something had upon the Lord. This *effect* is described in the same verse: ". . . and it grieved him at his heart." Don't you see that when you say, "God repented that he made man," you are not quoting scripture? The actual meaning is different from the way it is usually quoted. God was made sorry that man, who was created for His glory, had gone into extreme iniquity and sin. Man had grieved the heart of God; he had "effected" the Lord by his misconduct. At the very least, you must agree that God was not grieved on account of His lack of foreknowledge, otherwise you would be insisting that God grieves because things happen which He did not contemplate. Incidents of this nature imply blunder and error on the part of God who is known to grieve over His shortcomings. The only way to avoid inconsistent reasoning and self-contradiction is to interpret scripture in the light of what it is talking about and to admit the absolute foreknowledge of God.

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

But, preacher, did you know that the same Hebrew word for "repent" is used in both Gen. 6:6 and 1 Sam. 15:29? Well, that is your problem, not mine. There is but little that original words can do in many cases, and this is one of those cases. For example, the word "perish" may be speaking in one instance about "physical death" (Matt. 8:25), in another about "material deterioration" (Matt. 9:17), in another about "spiritual death" (Matt. 18:12-14), and in still another about "eternal punishment" (Luke 13:3); yet, the same original word is used in each instance. These scriptures, like those of Gen. 6:6 and 1 Sam 15:29, must be interpreted in the light of "usage" and not in the root structure of the key words. Your knowledge of Hebrew and Greek does not help you to argue against the absolute foreknowledge of God.

### NEXT ISSUE

The next article on these topics (foreknowledge, predestination, free-will) will involve a discussion of Rom. 9:11-13, 16, which cannot be explained except on the basis of God's foreknowledge of all things. If you erect an explanation on any other foundation, it will not harmonize scripture and the "hard-shell" will give you a little more trouble than you actually desire. How would you explain the ninth chapter of Romans?

(To be continued)

that we know so much about what God does not know at all? Do you realize that to divide the foreknowledge of God is to divide what God is, and that any divisibility of God rejects the idea of absolute unity? The absolute unity must have absolute foreknowledge.

### ABSOLUTENESS

The Christian God is necessarily unlimited and unconditioned. That is, God in all characteristics and in every personal attribute is free from any restriction. God must be in all that He is unaffected and unconditioned by limitation. This is what we mean when we refer to the "absolute-ness" of God.

The Bible proves without doubt that God is capable of foreknowing future events. If God is "foreknowledge," then we must conclude that He is "absolute foreknowledge." It is quite strange how some people insist that God has foreknowledge and at the same time claim that this attribute is limited. The only way to avoid self-contradiction is to admit that God is absolute in foreknowledge.

### IMMUTABILITY

Due to the unchangeable nature of God we are compelled to admit the fact of His "absolute foreknowledge." If God does *not* know all things *before* they happen, but He does know them *when* they happen, then God is **PROGRESSIVE** in the acquirement of knowledge; that is, God learns in the expiration of **TIME**. According to this idea the entire Christian system is a farce. First, God would be limited to *time*, therefore He could not be eternal. To say that God is not eternal is to say that there was once a time when God did not exist and such a time will be again. All things not eternal have both beginning and end. Second, God would be *progressive*, therefore He could not be immutable. Progression implies change because there can be no progress without change. Since God cannot change



# The Tent and the Altar

By GLENN C. PETTYJOHN

**A** BRAHAM pitched a tent for his body and builded an altar for his soul. The tent was necessary but it was not ENOUGH. He was conscious of a deeper need, the need of the "inner man," which only the altar could satisfy. Here then, we have a vivid and complete picture of man with his twofold need.

There is a vast difference between our times and Abraham's time, and, indeed, between ourselves and Abraham. But the fundamental need of man, physically and spiritually, remains the same throughout the centuries. This need, regardless of changing customs and circumstances, NEVER CHANGES. Since we are more than just a mere physical organism, we need the altar as well as the tent. Abraham had his tent and all the comforts of the tent life but that was not enough. His soul cried out for something more and could not be satisfied "with bread alone." A rabbit is satisfied with its burrow; a bird with its nest, and the dog with its kennel, but man has aspirations and desires which go far BEYOND ANYTHING THAT IS FOUND IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. It is this wonderful "EXTRA" in our nature which places us in our unique and pre-eminent position.

## SPIRITUAL DESIRE

Of all living things created, MAN ALONE BUILDS AN ALTAR UNTO THE LORD OF HEAVEN. It is impossible to give a full account of man if we fail to take notice of this ALTAR-BUILDING URGE IN HIS NATURE. If we ignore that part of our nature which builds altars, erects churches; which goes out beyond the boundaries of the material world; which prays and worships and dreams of a future life; which cannot live on bread alone or be satisfied with a house or palace made with hands; if we omit all that from our view of man, we are only studying a human skeleton and not a complete man.

If we fail to realize that man is essentially a spirit and only accidentally a body, we shall make a tremendous mistake. This spirit of man cries out for something more than good laws and higher wages; something more than good health and fresh air; something more than appetizing foods and fashionable clothes. The great cry of the human heart is for a HEAVENLY FATHER, FOR A SAVIOR, FOR SOUL PEACE, FOR ETERNITY. Any program, be it religious or otherwise, which does not answer man's cry for the eternal can

Text: Genesis 12:8, "And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord."

never satisfy.

## MATERIALISTS HUNGRY

No materialism can explain this mysterious "PLUS" in our nature, THIS YEARNING FOR THE ETERNAL as well as for the temporal, for an altar as well as a tent. The attempts of the infidel, atheist and agnostic to explain it away, seem at times to be only pathetic cries for the light. Their blatant denials are only surface deep, for in the deep recesses of their souls they know that they are greater than their dusty creeds. Anyone who neglects the capacity to know and worship God, reduces himself far below the true status of a human being. In that position we can NEVER BE CONTENT; WE CAN NEVER HAVE PEACE, and can never be free from the fear of death. In that position we are haunted by the persistent feeling that we are not what we should be. There is a feeling of uncertainty at the very basis of our lives. As Augustine said, "THOU HAST MADE US FOR THYSELF, AND OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL THEY REST IN THEE."

The swine were satisfied with the husk in the far country, but the prodigal longed for his father. Abraham's cattle ate the juicy grass and drank the sweet waters of Samaria and were satisfied, but Abraham cried for the living waters of God's grace. Yes, my reader friend, you need an altar in your home for your soul; you need an altar in your business and in your church. That precious inner man needs fellowship with God. If you have a tent and no altar, you are starving the highest part of your nature. I beg you to take God now for your partner.

Amidst the swirling floods of our time is there not a cry for something more permanent than an earthly home for the body? Do we not need a home for our soul which is above the noise, strife, uncertainties and darkness of this earthly atmosphere? Do we not need an inner peace and consciousness that we are not alone? And is not Jesus who is the Bright and Morning Star, THE FAIREST OF TEN THOUSAND, THE LILY OF THE VALE, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD,

a full and sufficient answer to that need? PRAISE GOD, HE IS SUFFICIENT! HALLELUJAH! Cast all your care upon Him for "HE CARETH FOR YOU."

## WE CAN FIND

Our souls can find in God, here and now, today, a shelter in the time of storm and an eternal home. If we have an altar in our soul unto the Lord Jesus, we can find Him in the loneliest experiences of life and in the loneliest places on earth. YEA, WE CANNOT BE WHERE HE IS NOT. He came to John the revelator on the lonely, seagird Isle of Patmos and turned his night into day and caused the shadows to flee. He walked in the fiery furnace with the three Hebrew children and gave them glorious victory. He spent the night with Daniel in the den of lions and brought him forth unhurt. He walked the Emmaus road and lifted the burden of doubt and sorrow from the tired shoulders of the two disciples. He met blind Bartimaeus on the dusty Jericho road and opened his blind eyes, put hope in his soul and joy in his heart. Praise God, He is just the same today, the VERY SAME. He is still turning the desert into a paradise, and mourning into song. Yes, praise the Lord, when we have an altar, as well as a tent, this Victor of the Easter anthem and Babe of the Christmas carol, will come and walk and talk with us and lead us by the still waters and cause us to lie down in green pastures.

## ADDED CERTAINTY

Another certainty is, that the tent life always gains in happiness when the altar life is cultivated. When we worship God and have the knowledge that Jesus is our personal Redeemer, then WE KNOW that we are saved from making life into a succession of trivial, useless days, saved from the bondage of sin, and finally from an eternity in hell. Without an altar man has nothing but his tent and a mere handful of days, before both he and his tent are flung out into oblivion. Oh, may we remember, that JESUS CHRIST IS THE SURE FOUNDATION! "ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND." Reader, if you do not know Jesus as your very own Savior, look to Him just now and tell Him everything and He will save you. Then you, too, can sing that grand old hymn, "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS THAN JESUS' BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Our temporal life is made more certain when we honor God and call upon His name. Jesus said, "Seek ye



first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you." We should note that the things which are added are the blessings of our tent life—food, clothing, and drink. True, millions have been deprived of these blessings throughout the centuries by the greed, selfishness, cruelty and stupidity of men. Who were these men? Who are these men today? Are they not men who have refused to build an altar unto God and who have bowed before the unholy shrine of mammon?

#### AN EXAMPLE

When we look at Europe, that continent which has so often been drenched in blood and covered with graves, and ask who did these hellish things, the answer of history is plain. They were men and they are men who have turned their backs on God and stretched out their arms and embraced the filthy and corrupt doctrines of MARS: MEN WHO ARE BOWING daily at the altars of MOLOCK, the god of lust and licentiousness. Since man is fundamentally a religious being he must worship something. If he rejects the true God he must have a "golden calf." If he refuses the light from heaven, he seeks for wisdom from a "witch of Endor." When men refuse to build an altar unto the true and living God, they will be found worshipping quarter gods and half gods; gods which drive their worshippers to commit every abominable thing in the catalog of sin. How descriptive are the words of the Apostle Paul: "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them," Romans 1:28-32. May God help us to see that the cause of this present bloody carnage is because men and women

have built altars to the wrong gods. May He help us to understand that the only thing which will save civilization is an OLD-FASHIONED, HOLY GHOST REVIVAL. May God stir the hearts of His ministers until they will lift up Jesus as never before, until thousands will turn from serving these strange gods to serve the true God of heaven.

#### GREATER NEED

The supreme need of the world is for men and women who have the truth of God in their minds, His grace in their hearts, and the flame of freedom in their souls. Jesus is waiting with outstretched arms to receive all who will come. I know of no one who deserves like Jesus the homage of my soul and the surrender of my life. He came to give His life that we might have life more abundantly. Oh, that we may look to Calvary and again see the Lord of glory paying the penalty for our sins; yes, taking the punishment that we sinners deserved. Hear Isaiah, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities." See His hands! His feet! His brow! and His riven side! Listen to His heart-rending cry, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?" Can you fathom the depth of that cry? Just when Jesus needed the Father most, the Father forsook Him. WHY? WHY? WHY? Was it because the Son had committed some secret sin? No, a thousand times no! Why then? Because Jesus was bearing in His body your sin and mine, and God the Father can do only one thing with sin and that is, JUDGE IT, regardless of where it is found. And here is the profound truth: God judged your sin and mine at Calvary and His Son bore the punishment. Can you now understand why Isaiah uttered the words, "It pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief"? I beseech you to love this lovely, immaculate Son of God. May the day soon dawn on every continent and in every island when an altar of loving devotion to this glorious Lord will be in every heart.

Blessed Jesus, may Thy kingdom soon come, when righteousness will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Even so come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

prayer will have their strength renewed to live for God every day.

Second, make Bible reading and study a daily habit of your life. Jesus urges us to search the Scriptures, St. John 5:39.

Third, try to do something each day for Jesus. He has given to every man his work and He expects each believer to do all in his power to lead others to Christ and to extend the influence of His kingdom throughout the earth.

Fourth, avoid temptations; they are bound to come, but do not go in the way of them, Psalms 1:1. Avoid evil companions; try making friends with God's people. Remember that you will not be tempted above that you are able to bear, 1 Cor. 10:13.

Fifth, attend every church service, because those who are regular in the house of God go from strength to strength, Psalms 84:7.

Sixth, think often of what Christ did for you, for without the cross men could have no union with the Father; on it depends our every hope, from it shines the light of the Savior's love. Meditate much upon these truths, they will feed your soul, Eph. 6:17; 1 Pet. 2:2; Psalms 119:105.

These are some of the weapons for your warfare. Those who will put on the whole armor of God and devote some time every day to meditation and prayer and study of the Bible will be connected with heaven and will have a saving, transforming influence upon those around them. Commit yourself to God's keeping power and trust Him individually with both soul and body, Romans 12:1. Talk and think upon your crucified Savior; put away all doubts and fears and rest in God's great hand, for He is able to keep that which you have committed unto Him. If you will leave yourself in His hands, He will always cause you to triumph over the evil things of this world. Just look up to the One who died to save you. Kneel at the foot of the old rugged cross. That is where you can receive the fullness of joy. Through faith sins are forgiven. By consecration, Hebrews 7:28, you can receive sanctification, Hebrews 2:11; 13:12. Then tarry at the old altar until you are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, Matthew 3:11.

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire," Hebrews 3:11.

Spirituality is old time religion filling the heart and mind so full of good things that a stream of loving service is constantly flowing from the life toward both God and man.

All we hear would make a large book, but it would contain many errors.

## How To Keep the Blessings of the Lord in Your Soul . . . . By Margaret Fillers, Evangelist

**S**PEND fifteen minutes every day talking to God in prayer, fifteen minutes every day letting God talk to you through His Word, and fifteen minutes every day talking to someone about God and His Word.

Here are a few simple rules which will help in living a true Christian

life:

First, never neglect daily, private prayer. Prayer brings the strength of God into your soul, Psalms 138:3. Prayer is just as necessary in living a Christian life as your daily food is for the sustenance of your body. Those who wait upon the Lord each day in



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## A NEW FIELD OPENED IN MEXICO

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We have had a work opened in the Mayo Indian country in the southern part of the State of Sonora, Mexico, for some time, but the work has grown rather slowly until just recently. However, it is different now. Instead of the one church which we had in Navojoa, we have at least three churches or there may be four now, as they had planned to open another work in this territory. We have one church already built there and dedicated and are building another one at this time, and there is a great deal of interest being manifested.

The Mayo Indians, unlike the warring Yaqui tribesmen to the north, are a peaceful-living class of people, easy to be reached with the gospel, yet we do not mind the hard places when we know we have God on our side, for if God be for us, who can be against us? This has been proven by the fact that we also have a strong mission work established among the war-like Yaquis.

We were preaching in Navojoa recently on the subject of "The Water of Life" and there was so much interest being manifested that the Spirit of the Lord moved upon Brother Fernando A. Gonzalez and he began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. At least one sentence was translated by a Mayo brother. As the message came forward in their dialect, I remember one sentence that sounded something like this: "Baa ture ne maca" meaning, "Give me this good water."

## THE CHURCH OF GOD GOES TO CUBA

By J. H. INGRAM,  
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The writer first went to Cuba thirty years ago, while serving with the United States Naval Forces, serving for a time on board the then new battleship "Maine," built to replace the one blown up in Havana, Cuba, at the time when the United States lined up on the side of Cuba in her war for independence. As a result of that war, Cuba was freed from the Spanish rule and became an independent republic.

While it was a great privilege to visit Cuba again in the capacity of a soldier of the cross and with a view

to opening up the mission work in that field, we did not know what we would do, nor did we know anyone in Cuba personally, with the exception of one man in particular, in spite of the fact that Cuba has a population of over four million people. However, the Lord has shown us what to do and has directed us. After nearly three months on that field, we have been able to open a mission and missionary training center in the City of Santiago de Cuba, and the individual mentioned heretofore as our only acquaintance, was Dr. Alberto A. Blanco, Santa Cruz, an ex-Catholic priest who has been gloriously sanctified and called to preach the gospel. He has not as yet received the fullness of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but is praying for the blessing and has offered his services unreservedly to the Church of God and is cooperating one hundred per cent. At the present time, Dr. Blanco is serving as director of the Baptist school, known as Marti Institute. The Marti Institute is a \$100,000 institution, but he has resigned, his resignation to take effect as soon as it can be arranged for someone to take his place. Dr. Blanco's wife is also resigning her position as a teacher in the city schools, to enter the gospel work with her husband. She also is well-qualified from a religious and educational standpoint, having a good experience in the Lord and also holding a doctor's degree.

We found it a little difficult to find a place to open up our mission center, due to the housing conditions brought on by the war situation, but we have been able to secure a place near the center of the city with a total of twelve rooms and we have our missionaries, Brother and Sister Case, already engaged in the work there. We hope to have one more missionary couple on the field at an early date.

Santiago de Cuba is a very historical city and is situated very favorably from a geographical standpoint. Being near other mission centers we have in Haiti and Jamaica, it is located about six hundred miles southeast of Havana on the Caribbean Seacoast and is surrounded on two sides by high mountains where we have more than a million of the native Cubans, called Mambis, in this province alone, waiting for us to come and preach them the story of Jesus. We are told that one hundred missionaries could be placed there without one inter-

fering with the work of the other and almost every false doctrine that can be imagined is being preached there, such as spiritualism and so forth. We have at least one antichrist, who claims to be Christ and has twelve apostles with him, deceiving a great many people, so you can see the need for mission work there. We ask you to pray.

With the help of Dr. Blanco and Brother and Sister Case, we hope to be able to start training some native workers soon.

We have received a welcome from all of the churches there and have been given the freedom of their pulpits and have been getting free broadcasts over the radio. One station gave us one hour a day for a whole week free of cost, and there is good interest.

You have possibly seen the report sent in by Brother and Sister Case. We have another letter stating that many people are coming to the services. They will find it hard for a time, owing to the language study and the fact that it is a hard field, but we believe this is the beginning of a real mission work in Cuba.

Speaking of the historical reference of Santiago, this is where one of the decisive battles of the Spanish-American war was fought. We have the famous San Juan Hill where Teddy Roosevelt charged up with his "rough-riders" and the bay where the Spanish Fleet was overtaken and destroyed, in the battle of 1898.

The city itself was built more than four hundred years ago and was the capital of the republic for one hundred and fifty years, having Hernan Cortez as its first mayor. Near by, an old celba tree is pointed out to visitors where it is said that Cortez tied up his charges of war before he sailed away to conquest Mexico, where we also have gone lately to conquest new lands for the Lord and the Church of God.

We understand that we have hard battles before us, but the victory is ours in Jesus' name if we only keep faith in Him and endeavor to do those things that are pleasing to Him, according to our several abilities.

Saving souls or leading people to Christ in any land is missionary work. There is no such thing to God as a foreign field. One field is as near to Him as another. Every Christian should feel himself to be a missionary, and go to work for God wherever he chances to be.



# Requests For Prayer

## Pray For

The healing of my body of stomach and side trouble; my children's ears to be healed. — Mrs. Clarence Rowe, Princeton, N. C.

The healing of my body, my heart is giving me trouble.—Mrs. Sudie Mae Barnes, R.F.D., Williamston, N. C.

My husband to be healed, he is in a bad condition; he had measles, then took something like pneumonia and he can hardly move. This is affecting his mind.—Altie Ramsey, Rt. 2, Cookville, Tenn.

Me to be healed of a severe pain in my back; my wife's throat which is swollen from having her teeth pulled.—Elbert Farley, Rt. 1, Box 70, Manette, Ark.

My son, Paul, that God will heal and strengthen his body.—R. C. Ogle, Bisbee, Ariz.

A sister's husband who is unsaved and on his deathbed; unspoken request. — A sister in Christ, Coconut Grove, Fla.

The healing of Brother J. C. Evans' body, he is in bed with heart trouble.—Wayne E. Briggs, R.F.D. 2, Box 85, Keysville, Va.

My daughter, Mrs. Lewis Hill, Princeton, W. Va., who is to be operated on, to be healed and saved.—Mrs. Maude Marcum, Layland, W. Va.

The healing of my side.—Mary Lemaster, Rt. 2, Mt. Park, Okla.

Me to be saved and healed of a spinal infection and nerve paralysis which has left my limb useless.—Miss Marie Hughby, Rt. 3, Franklin, Ga.

The healing of my body of gall bladder trouble; my son to be healed, he is in the army hospital with arthritis.—Sister Ethel Bond, 16 Magnolia St., Cocoa, Fla.

God to heal my eyes and restore my eyesight; the healing of Miss Mary Watkins, Isola, Miss., who has creeping paralysis.—Mrs. R. T. Watkins, Rt. 2, Sturgis, Miss.

The healing of my neck. I was in a car wreck in June, 1941, and my neck was almost unjointed at the base of the brain and one vertebra was injured. I am in pain all the time.—Stella Lewis, Box 1591, El Centro, Calif.

Me to be healed of stomach and sinus trouble, also other sickness.—Mrs. R. C. White, Pennington Gap, Va.

My complete healing, I am better and stronger than I ever was, so please continue to pray for me.—Mrs. A. F. Holman, Rt. 2, Box 327, Cairo, Ga.

My afflicted body; the healing of my mother's body. — Irene Shook, Titus, Ga.

The healing of my baby who has been sick all his life, he is two years old.—Mrs. Alice Gosnell, Rt. 7, Taylors, S. C.

My son to be completely healed.—Mrs. W. O. Tucker, Whittle, Ky.

My family.—Mrs. G. C. Church, Brookwood, Ala.

The healing of Sister Sarah Delaney, 723 S. 7th St., Hamilton, Ohio, of a tumor; the healing of several others.—A sister, Hamilton, Ohio.

My body to be healed of kidney and bladder trouble.—Mrs. B. W. Knight, Pamplico, S. C.

The healing of our infant's broken arm.—Brother and Sister Silas Dufrene, 435 Laurossini St., Westwego, La.

John Frady to be healed of high blood pressure and heart trouble; other requests. — Nora B. Hill, Rt. 2, Chickamauga, Ga.

Unspoken request. I know God can answer prayer although I am a sinner.—Pvt. Ellis H. Harris, 34516996, Co. L., 302nd Inf., A.P.O. 94, U. S. Army, Camp Phillips, Kans.

The healing of my son; my body to be completely healed.—Mrs. Rosa Vaughn Osborne, Cawood, Ky.

My little girl to be healed of eczema; the Lord to undertake for me.—Claud Owen, Heflin, Ala.

The Lord to heal me of heart trouble, also I have had a broken back.—Wibb F. Richards, Peach Creek, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me of tuberculosis in both lungs, I am very sick and I have such hard coughing spells I can hardly cough for smothering; the Lord to undertake for my husband.—Mrs. Lou I. Murphy, 6024 Lime Ave., Shreveport, La.

God to heal me, there is something wrong with me but I do not know what it is. I am a soldier in the army and I have been very sick and need

your prayers. Also pray that I will be a true soldier of the cross.—John H. Eagerton, Hosp. No. 2, Sta. Comp., Med. Det. Dept., Fort Bragg, N. C.

Tom Henry to be healed of a light touch of pneumonia; Mrs. Minnie Robison to be healed of pneumonia; me.—Sallie Baldwin, Rt. 1, Box 7, Hallsboro, N. C.

My sister to be saved and healed of T.B.; my husband to be healed; my mother-in-law to be healed.—Sister Goldia Reno, Rt. 1, East St. Louis, Ill.

The healing of my kidneys, also that I will be healed of a severe cold and cough. My lungs hurt me.—Mrs. Marvin Jones, Rt. 1, Lithia, Fla.

My children, mother and husband; my tonsils to be healed, they are surely giving me trouble; my baby to be healed, he has been very sick.—Eyvonne Perry, Homerville, Ga.

God to completely heal my body and give me deliverance; my mother, sister and little niece; very urgent unspoken request.—A sister in Christ, Coconut Grove, Fla.

I thank the Lord for healing me of a goitre. Now I have appendicitis. Please pray for my healing. I will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. Annie True, Rt. 2, c/o Charles Browder, Sweetwater, Tenn.

The Lord to heal my daughter.—Mrs. Callie Winegar, Rt. 2, Bland, Va.

The healing of Sister Lizzie Yarbrough, she suffers with spinal trouble.—F. J. McNeal, East Tallassee, Ala.

The healing of my left knee.—Mrs. Mary E. Carter, 1711 Goode Ave., Norfolk, Va.

The healing of my body; my home; unspoken request.—Mrs. Wesley Carroll, Rt. 2, Temple, Ga.

God to heal Sister Janet Martin, she has something wrong with her head and her breast has healed.—Sister Thelma Weikee, Rt. 1, Box 55, Ronceverte, W. Va.

The healing of my body of something like rheumatism; my hearing to be completely restored; my family.—Mrs. Katie L. Scott, Rt. 1, Box 45-A, Moorhead, Miss.

My mother to be healed; my husband.—Naomi Bell, Box 23, Cherry Valley, Ark.

The Lord to heal me of rheumatism.—Glovie Bell, Cherry Valley, Ark.

Asking God for the things we want for personal benefit is begging, but asking God for the things we need for His glory is praying.

# REPORTS

## Greenville District Convention

We are in a glorious revival here at Greenville. The power of God is prevalent. Brother Vep Ellis, our assistant pastor, is the evangelist. He and our pastor, Brother Houston Morehead, have certainly united their most capable efforts in a great offensive for the Lord. Sinners are being saved, believers sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Each service is truly a Pentecostal feast. The church is being greatly edified. It is united in its deep appreciation and love for both Brother Morehead and Brother Ellis as our spiritual leaders.

The Greenville district convention intervened in the meeting on Saturday night and Sunday, February 20 and 21, but proved to be no hindrance whatsoever to the revival. Soul-stirring messages by Brothers R. P. Johnson, First Assistant General Overseer, Carl Cox, and H. L. Whittington made the tide surge higher. A great many expressed the opinion that this was the greatest district convention they had ever had the privilege of attending, because of the continual manifestation of God's presence and power.

We earnestly request our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord throughout the Church of God to pray for us that this revival spirit will continue to dwell with us and that we will be able through His power to point more and more lost souls to the Lord ere He makes His glorious appearance to catch away His waiting bride. Hallelujah!—Bill Brown, clerk, Greenville, S. C.

## Have Forgotten the Word "Stop"

COBBTOWN, Ga. — We are on the Swainsboro district this year, at Hillside. God has wonderfully blessed us since coming here. We found a band of Church of God people here who were just waiting to hear "Let's go" and we have been going and have forgotten the word "stop."

We came to the district September 17 and by October 24 our church was over the top with all quotas. We were in an old-time revival and that night, October 24, our dearly beloved state overseer, Rev. A. V. Beabe, and our dear little brother, Rev. Joe Little, Y.P.E. and S.S. superintendent, were with us. An offering was taken for the parsonage and around \$200 in cash and about 4,000 feet of lumber were given, and by December 28 we were in our new home. There is now a parsonage at Hillside. We are now planning an orphanage drive. Pray that God will bless us in this worthy effort. When passing through stop over with us and, better than that,

come pay us a visit. God bless all of you. Pray for us here.—Hays M. Long, pastor.

## Reviewing Our Progress of the Past Year

PERDIDO, Ala. — Greetings in the name of Jesus. As we came to the close of another year my mind wandered back over our year's work just passed. We thought of how God had blessed in so many different ways. Some were saved, some added to the church, and some transferred.

The Sunday School came to the front the past year, with everyone more interested both spiritually and financially. We raised \$300 in less than six months—\$117 in one Sunday offering. With this money the parsonage was repaired. When we bought the land for the church this house was on it, and we went to work on the church and let the house stand until lately, when a new foundation was put in and new floors laid, new doors and windows and screens and some changes in the partitions. Now we're beginning with the painting. We intend to paint it inside and out. The Y.P.E. raised the money to paint the church seats, and the W.W.B. is still working. A new bedroom suite was a Christmas present to the parsonage from them.

We don't have many ways to make money but we keep trying to do what we can, expecting God to give us greater things to do to help carry on His work.

Brother A. G. Phillips, pastor of Chicago, Ill., church, conducted a revival for us. We have first claim on him, as he is the one who brought the light on the Church of God to this place. We surely appreciate Brother and Sister Phillips and were glad to have them come. Also, we love our pastor and his family. They are pushing the work right along. Brother Thomas did a great deal of the work that has been done on the parsonage. As labor is short, we couldn't get many to work but by the help of one carpenter, Brother Thomas carried the work on till it was finished.—Mrs. L. D. Bryars.

LITHONIA, Ga. — Well, we just can't keep it any longer, we will just have to tell you how God is blessing at Lithonia, Ga.

We have a store building right in the heart of town and the owner is letting us use it free of charge. On Saturday night all the people come to town shopping. When they hear the singing they crowd out on the sidewalk (the front is solid glass), then they gradually slip in and sit in the back.

Brother Linwood Jacob, our district overseer, came down November 1 and set the church in order with eleven members, but at this writing we have seventeen members. We had fifty in attendance at our first Sunday School, which was organized November 1. We have already bought a nice lot 100x200 and, praise God, it is already paid for. One man has promised us all the rock we need; one has promised all the lumber, and one has promised all the nails we need. So very soon we will tell you about our nice rock Church of God at Lithonia. The work will start this very week. Pray for us. All our members are very poor but we have unity and where there is unity there is strength.—A. J. Williams, pastor.

BOONES MILL, Va.—Dear Saints, we are very much in need of a pastor. We have a very nice little cinder-block church. We still owe some on it, but by God's help and the help of a faithful few we are getting along nicely with our notes. Our church has been set in order about nine years.

We trust that someone will be led to come to pastor the Church of God at Starkey. We will appreciate his coming, and I pray God to move upon each one of us to do our duty in every way possible. I pray God's blessings on every one who has tried the work at Starkey and for some reason has felt led to go elsewhere. God is blessing us in our services each Wednesday night and Sunday morning and night.

We earnestly desire the prayers of the Evangel readers. Help us pray that God will rebuke the enemy's power, that we will all stick together and be true to the Lord.—Sister J. A. Steele, Starkey, Va.

## What God Hath Wrought

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad," Psalms 126:3. We went to Westernport, Maryland, in June, 1939, and a church was set in order with thirty-five members, with \$15 mission money. In three years God gave us fifty-six members, although we had to exclude some. We bought a nice frame church. Just before the Assembly we resigned the pastorate. In June, 1942, the tithes and offerings were \$250.10 from all sources.

At the General Assembly I was appointed pastor at Washington, Pa. We came here in September, 1942. The church we had was a rented one and was sold, so we were forced to vacate, but we had a fine group of people who were willing to work. The church had \$116.40 in the bank, so we began to pray day and night until God answered prayer. We bought a beautiful brick building for \$9,000, and it is worth twice that. It has a 40-foot front lot, and 240 feet back. It is located between Main and College



Streets. The church is 36 by 80 feet, with full size basement, a nice auditorium 34 by 50 and a nice rostrum equipped for programs. The building seats from three to five hundred and can be heated with hot water heat or hot air.

Upstairs in the front we have six nice modern rooms and bath for the parsonage. We are finishing up three more rooms in the middle for renting, also four modern rooms and bath in the rear for renting. The good brethren have already donated 1,100 hours of work, and it will take several hundred yet to complete the job, but, thank God, we have two contractors and three carpenters and a good plumber all in the church.

It is costing \$650 to rebuild these apartments, besides the material donated. We have just finished paying \$1,000 on our church, we have all our bills paid that are due, and \$35 in the treasury. Some of our brethren said we would trust God to pay for the church. We raised over \$400 one week end. Some of the good brethren gave as much as \$206 and \$211 apiece. Our good sisters are doing their part, too. In Proverbs we read, "A good report maketh the bones fat." Pray for us.—Floyd A. Boger, pastor.

#### **We Have Been Blessed in Many Ways**

BALDWIN, Fla.—As the new year came in our hearts were made to be thankful as we looked back on the past year. How the Lord blessed us in so many ways at Otis Church of God. The fire is still burning in our souls. The mighty power of God comes down in a wonderful way at times and the Holy Ghost takes charge of the services. We are thankful to have Brother L. S. Williams for our pastor, and his good wife, to work with us; they are faithful to the church.

The old church building has been torn down and rebuilt. We have new doors and windows and have painted the outside. In the near future we will ceil and paint the inside.

The L.W.W.B. is doing a good work. We also have a good Y.P.E. and Sunday School. We want to keep ourselves humble before the Lord and do more for Him this year than we have in the past. We ask an interest in your prayers.—Mrs. A. Simmons.

#### **It Pays To Stand True to Jesus**

POINT, Tex. — I am still praising God for salvation. Thank the Lord, I am truly glad for the Church of God. I thank the good saints who prayed for us to get back close to church so we can be in service and have our children in Sunday School. Thank the Lord. We do not have a preacher but we are not going to give one inch to the devil. We have a good Y.P.E. on Saturday night. The young people are getting interested one more time. Thank the Lord. We have

a good Sunday School and have good prayer meetings on Sunday night. We had a large crowd last Sunday night, for which we thank the Lord. We also have a good L.W.W.B. We have two new quilts quilted for the parsonage, have new shades for the windows and two more new quilt tops, lining and cottons and are ready to quilt. Please pray for us at Clark's Chapel for we mean to stand true to Jesus.—Mrs. Ada Hill, Rt. 1.

#### **Good Church at East Los Angeles**

MONTEBELLO, Calif.—Greetings in Jesus' name from the East Los Angeles, Calif., Church of God. Praise the Lord, Jesus is still blessing us. Souls are being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We all thank the Lord for our Y.P.E. leader, Sister Myrtle Mushegan; she is a real child of God and believes in fasting and praying for lost souls. Brother M. D. Hanson did some good preaching while our pastor, Brother Harry Mushegan, was gone. The power of God has been falling out here. Our Y.P.E. is really on fire for God. We are having cottage prayer meetings. The Lord saved an elderly man seventy-four years old. He was tongue-tied and the Lord loosed his tongue and he is shouting for Jesus now. Praise the Lord. One of our members, Brother Otis E. Rushing, was drafted into the Army. He was sent to Fort Knox, Ky. Pray for him, also pray for his wife, Betty Ellen Rushing. Since he left the Lord has saved, sanctified, and filled both his wife and his brother Lewis with the Holy Ghost. Now Brother Lewis is playing his guitar in Brother Otis' place. Praise the Lord. Sinners come only two or three times, then they get saved.

We have a real Church of God in East Los Angeles. The church is on fire for God. We have a revival spirit all the time. Oh, glory be to God. I love Him; I want to live for Jesus for I know He is coming soon and I want to be ready to go. Our pastor, Brother Harry A. Mushegan's new address is 4808 Nobel St., Los Angeles, Calif. Phone A.N. 19917.—Frank Woods, clerk.

#### **REVIVALS**

PELZER, S. C. — We have had a successful revival with Evangelist Herman Clark doing the preaching. Thirteen were saved, ten sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. The church has been greatly blessed and the revival spirit is still on. Three were saved on the following Wednesday night prayer service after the revival.—M. G. Quinton, pastor.

SYLVA, N. C.—The Church of God at Sylva, N. C., was recently blessed by a three weeks' revival. Sister Wilma Jamison did the preaching and the Lord wonderfully blessed in all the

services. Twenty were saved, ten sanctified and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. Several backsliders were reclaimed and four added to the church. Remember to pray for us at Sylva.—Minnie Foxx.

CELINA, Tex.—We are glad to report a good revival at our church. It closed with a good fellowship meeting. Every church on the Dallas district was present. Rev. O. M. Hume, of Shamrock, Tex., was the evangelist. Pray for us.—J. W. Hume, pastor, Box 334.

LUBBOCK, Tex.—Two weeks' continued services proved a blessing to all who attended. Brother C. R. Thomson, our pastor, brought the messages, which were inspiring, especially to the young people. Five were saved, three sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We, the young people, think it a grand and glorious privilege to serve the Lord and feel His holy presence surging through our souls. Our church and Y.P.E. here are going over the top. Pray for us that we will do our best for the Lord.—Miss June Rainwater, Y.P.E. secretary.

JOHNSON CITY, Ill. — Sister Rich, of Robinson, Ill., preached to us for about two and one-half weeks. The saints all seemed to be blessed and more encouraged to press on. The crowds were large most every night and the interest good. One was saved and several sought different experiences. Sister Rich surely preached under the anointing. We hope to have her and her pianist, Miss Davis, of Lawrenceville, Ill., back with us again for another revival. Pray for us and our good pastor, Sister Dame.—Mrs. Allie Boyce, 1400 Trout St.

MITCHELBURG, Ky. — We have just closed a week's revival at Mitchellburg which was a great success. Twenty-two were saved, seventeen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost and fourteen added to the church. This is a new work set in order since the Assembly with fifteen members; it now has twenty-nine members. It is under the leadership of Rev. Russell Holman, assisted by the writer. Pray for this new work that it will be a soul-saving station for Jesus. The church has a lot and plans to have a new building there soon.—Henry Robertson, Manchester, Ky.

PALATKA, Fla. — We praise the Lord for an old time three weeks' revival conducted by Sister Owens. Three received the Holy Ghost, two were saved, many revived and some healed. Sister Owens and Sister Hynes did some wonderful work. Pray for our little church here. — Luther Woodlee, clerk, Box 294.

## NATIONAL CALL TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR A WEEK OF PRAYER

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taught any prayers, and so kneeling down, he began with closed eyes and folded hands saying the alphabet, "A, B, C, D," and on to the end. "What are you doing, my little man," said a gentleman, passing by. "Please, sir, I was praying," replied the boy. "But why are you saying your letters?" "Why," said the little fellow, "I didn't know any prayers, only I felt that I wanted God to take care of me and help me to take care of my sheep. So I thought that if I only said all I knew, He would put it together and spell all I wanted." "Bless your heart, my little man, He will. When the heart speaks right, the lips can't say wrong," said the gentleman.

So, young people, you might feel that you do not know how to pray as older people do! yet it is not the amount of words or how they are said, but it is the condition of the heart from whence they flow that counts. I sincerely believe if our young people everywhere who are filled with the Spirit will unite during this week of prayer and call on God, we will see results. It is entirely possible that God will cause to cease the mighty conflict now on, bring victory and peace to the world, and make it possible for a world-wide revival that will cause men everywhere to fall before the cross, confess their sins, and acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Savior and King. Oh, Lord, how we need just this!

We should feel as Matthew Henry said, "Let prayer be the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening." Yea, let us arise each morning with a prayer on our breaths that God will help us, that God will undertake, and that we will come out of this time of crisis with victory, with a greater determination to do more for God, and that Christianity will continue to march on and souls be swept into the kingdom by the millions. Then when the day has ended and we retire, let us bolt ourselves in with a word of prayer. "Oh, God, keep us during this night that we might be in the attitude of prayer before thee that thou mayst touch us through the night with thy Spirit." How wonderful it is to be touched in the night by the power of the Holy Ghost and awake speaking in other tongues. This is a wonderful and glorious experience.

Of course, we are to pray according to His will. We are taught in the Bible, in the 5th chapter of 1 John, the 14th verse, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us." We are to pray that His will be done; but it should be our desire that every man and every woman should hear the gospel and that every man and woman should feel a touch of God's eternal power that is able

to convert the soul, change the course of even the notorious gangster, the skeptic, the infidel, the atheist, etc.

### It Is Not the Great Number

Don't be discouraged if you are not able to get together scores of young people. If there can be only two or three in a home or in the church or any place where you can meet together in prayer, let us do so and not neglect this all-important week of prayer.

Remember our Lord said in the 18th chapter of Matthew, the 19th verse, "Again, I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father, which is in heaven." It doesn't take a multitude to touch the throne of God and to bring results; but if just two shall agree as touching anything and ask in faith believing, He has promised to hear and answer. That which will move the great heart of God is united efforts—our young people in every place with one accord calling upon God at the same time for the same purpose: "O God, protect our boys; cause this conflict to cease that is crushing the hearts of mothers and bringing our nation to eternal ruin unless victory can be won."

Remember that Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth for the space of three years and six months. He prayed again, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. James 5:17, 18. Our Lord said, "I am the Lord and I change not." Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever! I believe we shall find that this week of prayer will not only bring results from the standpoint of a great revival and blessings to our boys in the armed services, but that it will also bless us spiritually. In our prayers let us remember our president also and pray that God will inspire him. Remember Congress, that God will help those men to do the right thing at the right time, that the destiny of our nation will be protected. We shall be very happy if those of you who get a special blessing out of this week of prayer will drop us a card and tell us of the blessing you received and the things that you are expecting God to work out for the great Church of God and God's people everywhere and for our nation. Remember we will be waiting before the throne of God with you, constantly praying that God may give the victory, that we will come out victorious over the enemy.

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## DEATHS

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### ROBERTS

Sister Clara Roberts, a faithful member of the Church of God at Rosalie, Ala., departed this life to be with Jesus February 21, 1943, age sixty years and seven days.—Myrtle Murphy, Henagar, Ala.

### PREWETT

My precious mother, Mrs. Samantha Prewett, slipped away January 29, 1943, at the age of eighty-five years, eleven months and twenty-one days. She rejoiced in the power of God a few hours before she went to sleep. Pray for me.—Mrs. Nellie Leese, Rt. 3, Crab Orchard, Ky.

### RAMSEY

Our dear Sister Kate Ramsey, a faithful member of the Church of God at Williamsburg, Ky., went to be with Jesus January 19, 1943; age sixty-six years.—H. F. Hatcher, clerk, Williamsburg, Ky.

### SHARP

My mother, Mrs. Selina Sharp, was born January 12, 1878, and slipped away to be with Jesus November 1, 1942. She was a faithful member of the Sharp's Chapel Church of God for over twenty years.—Her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Sharp, Rt. 1, Box 62, Bush, La.

### JONES

Brother Earl Jones, a faithful member of the Church of God at Blythe, Calif., departed this life February 15, 1943. The loss of this our brother is heaven's gain.—Mrs. Jewel Lane, clerk, Midland, Calif.

### SAULS

Mrs. Mattie Sauls, a member of the Church of God at Cairo, Ga., departed this life to be with Jesus January 29, 1943; age eighty-four years.—Hallie Miller, Cairo, Ga.

### BOLIN

John Albert Bolin, a member of the Church of God at Marked Tree, Ark., departed this life September 30, 1942; age seventy-nine years.—W. E. Wright, pastor, Marked Tree, Ark.

### BEARD

Little Charles Edward Beard departed this life January 24, 1943; age five years and seven months.—W. E. Wright, pastor.

### THOMPSON

Brother J. P. Thompson, Marked Tree, Ark., departed this life January 20, 1943; age fifty-eight years.—W. E. Wright, pastor, Marked Tree, Ark.

## EAVES

Sister Ida Eaves, a faithful member of the Lake Worth, Fla., Church of God, departed this life to be with Jesus January 27, 1943; age sixty-four years.—Her pastor, F. F. O'Bannon, Lake Worth, Fla.

## COATS

Little Lucille Coats, daughter of Sister Mae Coats of Marked Tree, Ark., departed this life January 27, 1943; age four years.—W. E. Wright.

## MARTIN

Little Freddie Russell, infant son of Brother and Sister Walter Martin, was born January 11, 1943, and departed this life February 23, 1943. Little John Kee preceded him in death about six months.—Sister Thelma Weikey, Rt. 1, Box 55, Ronceverte, W. Va.

## THOMAS

Brother Bryant L. Thomas, a faithful member of the Church of God at Lake City, Fla., slipped away to be with Jesus January 18, 1943; age fifty-two years and eleven months.—Mrs. Louise Thomas, 14 N. Alachua St., Lake City, Fla.

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Brother and Sister Roberts and I witnessed a pitiful scene the other night as we were called to pray for a widow. She had put her salvation off until it was almost too late. There were four small tots gathered around her bed crying, knowing that their mother would soon have to leave them, and there was no one to go to. Their grandmother was blind and their father was dead. But the most pathetic part of the scene was the mother lying there, the doctor having told her to lay in one position until her time came to die, but when we started praying she said, "I want to get down on my knees." We helped her to get down on her knees. Then she turned around to her children and said, "I want my children to see me praying down on my knees one time before I die. I want them to know their mother prayed one time in her life, so that they may remember and can tell others that their mother prayed." She cried and begged God to heal her so she could take her children to Sunday School and that she might tell others of what Jesus had done for her.

Now this lady is one out of many cases throughout the world who put salvation off too long. It doesn't pay to trifle with God. He said, "My Spirit will not always strive with man." This poor woman admitted that God got tired of her putting Him off. It grieves my heart for people to trample the blood of Jesus under their feet and ignore the gentle voice that is pleading with them to surrender their heart and life to God.

I hope I can be a blessing to lost souls and win them for Christ, so when I come to the last mile of the way I won't be empty handed, and the Lord can say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—Yours in His service, Doris Parrish, 415 Osborne Ave., Anderson, S. C.

## CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY

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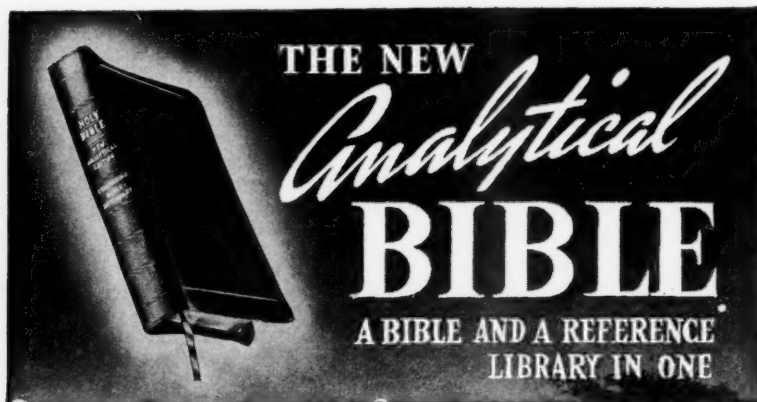
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60—Genuine Leather, Morocco Grain, Divinity Circuit Binding, Leather Lined	15.95
100-L—Genuine Imported Morocco Leather, Semi-Flexible Binding, Straight Edges, Leather Lined	18.95
100—Genuine Imported Morocco Leather, Divinity Circuit Binding, Leather Lined	18.95

Note: The above price includes transportation charges. Size 5 1/4" x 8 3/4" x 1 3/4". Names stamped in gold extra at 50c per line when cash in full accompanies order. Thumb indexing is extra at 50c net. Printed on fine India Paper, with red under genuine gold edges. "K" after a number indicates imitation leather; "L" indicates limp binding (straight edges). Divinity Circuit means overlapping edges. (Printed in U.S.A.)